Chapter 5. Containers for Agricultural Produce

IC 24-6-5-1

Hampers

- Sec. 1. The standard hamper for fruits and vegetables shall be the one (1) peck hamper, one-half (1/2) bushel hamper, five-eighths (5/8) bushel hamper, one (1) bushel hamper, and one and one-half (1 1/2) bushel hamper, which respectively shall be of the capacity and conform to the specifications set forth in this section.
- (a) The standard one (1) peck hamper shall contain five hundred and thirty-seven and six-tenths (537 6/10) cubic inches, and conform to the following specifications: The inside diameter between staves at the upper edge of the top inside hoop shall be ten and three-eighths (10 3/8) inches; the inside diameter of the bottom shall be six and one-half (6 1/2) inches; the inside length of the staves, shall be nine and five-eighths (9 5/8) inches; the inside hoop shall be one-tenth (1/10) of an inch thick and set with its upper edge even with the upper ends of the staves; each stave shall be not less than one-tenth (1/10) of an inch thick and ten and one-eighth (10 1/8) inches long; and the bottom piece shall be one-half (1/2) of an inch thick.
- (b) The standard one-half (1/2) bushel hamper shall contain one thousand and seventy-five and twenty-one hundredths (1,075 21/100) cubic inches, and conform to the following specifications: The inside diameter between staves at the upper edge of the top inside hoop shall be thirteen (13) inches; the inside diameter of the bottom shall be eight and one-half (8 1/2) inches; the inside length of the staves shall be twelve (12) inches; the inside top hoop shall be one-ninth (1/9) of an inch thick and set with its upper edge even with the upper ends of the staves; each stave shall be not less than one-tenth (1/10) of an inch thick and twelve and five-eighths (12 5/8) inches long; and the bottom piece shall be five-eighths (5/8) of an inch thick.
- (c) The standard five-eighths (5/8) bushel hamper shall contain one thousand, three hundred forty-four (1,344) cubic inches and conform to the following specifications: The inside diameter between staves at the upper edge of the top inside hoop shall be fourteen and one-fourth (14 1/4) inches, the inside diameter of the bottom shall be nine (9) inches; the inside length of the staves shall be twelve and seven-eighths (12 7/8) inches; the inside top hoop shall be one-eighth (1/8) of an inch thick and set with its upper edge even with the upper ends of the staves; each stave shall be not less than one-ninth (1/9) of an inch thick and thirteen and one-half (13 1/2) inches long, and the bottom piece shall be five-eighths (5/8) of an inch thick.
- (d) The standard one (1) bushel hamper shall contain two thousand one hundred and fifty and forty-two one hundredths (2,150 42/100) cubic inches, and conform to the following specifications: The inside diameter between staves at the upper edge of the top inside hoop shall be fifteen and one-eighth (15 1/8) inches; the inside diameter of the bottom shall be nine (9) inches; the inside length of the staves to the upper edge of the top inside hoop shall be nineteen (19) inches; the inside hoop shall be one-eighth (1/8) of an inch thick and set with its

upper edge three-eighths (3/8) of an inch below the upper ends of the staves; each stave shall be not less than one-eighth (1/8) of an inch thick and twenty (20) inches long; and the bottom piece shall be five-eighths (5/8) of an inch thick.

- (e) The standard one and one-half (1 1/2) bushel hamper shall contain three thousand two hundred and twenty-five and sixty-three one hundredths (3,225 63/100) cubic inches, and conform to either of the following specifications:
- (1) The inside diameter between staves at the upper edge of the top inside hoop shall be sixteen and one-fourth (16 1/4) inches; the inside diameter of the bottom shall be nine (9) inches; the inside length of the staves to the upper edge of the top inside hoop shall be twenty-six (26) inches; the inside top hoop shall be one-eighth (1/8) of an inch thick and set with its upper edge three-eighths (3/8) of an inch below the upper ends of the staves; each stave shall be not less than one-sixth (1/6) of an inch thick and twenty-seven (27) inches long, and the bottom piece shall be five-eighths (5/8) of an inch thick.
- (2) The inside diameter between staves at the upper edge of the top inside hoop shall be sixteen and three-fourths (16 3/4) inches; the inside diameter of the bottom shall be ten (10) inches; the inside length of the staves to the upper edge of the top inside hoop shall be twenty-three (23) inches; the inside top hoop shall be one-eighth (1/8) of an inch thick and set with its upper edge three-eighths (3/8) of an inch below the upper ends of the staves; each stave shall be not less than one-eighth (1/8) of an inch thick and twenty-four (24) inches long; and the bottom piece shall be five-eighths (5/8) of an inch thick. (Formerly: Acts 1923, c.44, s.1.)

IC 24-6-5-2

Bushel round stave baskets

- Sec. 2. The standard round stave basket for fruits and vegetables shall be the one-fourth (1/4) bushel basket, one-half (1/2) bushel basket, five-eighths (5/8) bushel basket, one (1) bushel basket, one and one-half (1 1/2) bushel basket, and two (2) bushel basket, which, respectively shall be of the capacity and conform to the specifications set forth in this section.
- (a) The one-fourth (1/4) bushel round stave basket shall contain five hundred thirty-seven and six-tenths (537 6/10) cubic inches, and conform to the following specifications: The inside diameter at the upper inner edge of the top inside hoop shall be ten and seven-eighths (10 7/8) inches; the average inside depth shall be not less than six and three-fourths (6 3/4) inches; the web shall consist of twenty (20) intersecting staves of such length that they will form the side and bottom of a basket which shall contain eight (8) quarts standard dry measure.
- (b) The one-half (1/2) bushel round stave basket shall contain one thousand and seventy-five and twenty-one one hundredths $(1,075\ 21/100)$ cubic inches, and conform to the following specifications: The inside diameter at the upper inner edge of the top inside hoop shall be thirteen and one-half $(13\ 1/2)$ inches; the average inside depth shall be not less than eight and one-half $(8\ 1/2)$ inches; the web shall consist of

- twenty (20) intersecting staves, each not less than one-eighteenth (1/18) of an inch thick and of such length that they will form the sides and bottom of a basket which shall contain sixteen (16) quarts, standard dry measure.
- (c) The five-eighths (5/8) bushel round stave basket shall contain one thousand and three hundred and forty-four (1,344) cubic inches and conform to the following specifications: The inside diameter at the upper inner edge of the top inside hoop shall be thirteen and one-half (13 1/2) inches; the average inside depth shall be not less than ten and one-fourth (10 1/4) inches; the web shall consist of twenty (20) intersecting staves, each not less than one-eighteenth (1/18) of an inch thick and of such length that they will form the sides and bottom of a basket which shall contain twenty (20) quarts, standard dry measure.
- (d) The one (1) bushel round stave basket shall contain two thousand one hundred and fifty and forty-two one hundredths (2,150 42/100) cubic inches, and conform to the following specifications: The inside diameter at the upper inner edge of the top inside hoop shall be seventeen (17) inches; the average inside depth shall be not less than ten and three-fourths (10 3/4) inches; the web shall consist of twenty (20) intersecting staves, each not less than one-eighteenth (1/18) of an inch thick and of such length that they will form the sides and bottom of a basket which shall contain thirty-two (32) quarts, standard dry measure.
- (e) The one and one-half (1 1/2) bushel round stave basket shall contain three thousand two hundred and twenty-five and sixty-three one hundredths (3,225 63/100) cubic inches and conform to the following specifications: The inside diameter at the upper inner edge of the top inside hoop shall be nineteen and three-eighths (19 3/8) inches; the average inside depths shall be not less than twelve and three-fourths (12 3/4) inches; the web shall consist of twenty-four (24) intersecting staves, each not less than one-sixteenth (1/16) of an inch thick and of such length that they will form the sides and bottom of a basket which shall contain forty-eight (48) quarts, standard dry measure.
- (f) The two (2) bushel round stave basket shall contain four thousand three hundred and eighty-four one hundredths (4,300 84/100) cubic inches and conform to the following specifications: The inside diameter at the upper inner edge of the top hoop shall be twenty-one (21) inches; the average inside depth shall be not less than fourteen (14) inches; the web shall consist of twenty-four (24) intersecting staves, each not less than one-sixteenth (1/16) of an inch thick and of such length that they will form the sides and bottom of a basket which shall contain sixty-four (64) quarts, standard dry measure.

(Formerly: Acts 1923, c.44, s.2.)

IC 24-6-5-3 Splint baskets

Sec. 3. The standard splint basket for fruits and vegetables shall be the four (4) quart basket, eight (8) quart basket, twelve (12) quart basket, sixteen (16) quart basket, and twenty-four (24) quart basket, standard dry measure.

- (a) The four (4) quart splint basket shall contain two hundred and sixty-eight and eight-tenths (268 8/10) cubic inches and conform to the specifications in one (1) of the two (2) following numbered subdivisions:
- (1) The approximate inside dimensions of the top across the center shall be seven (7) inches by twelve (12) inches. The approximate inside dimensions of the bottom at the corners shall be five and three-fourths (5 3/4) inches by ten and one-half (10 1/2) inches. The inside depth at the corners shall be four (4) inches.
- (2) The inside dimensions of the square-cornered splint basket at the top shall be six (6) inches by twelve (12) inches. The inside dimensions of the bottom shall be five and one-half (5 1/2) inches by eleven and one-half (11 1/2) inches. The inside depth at the corners shall be four (4) inches.
- (b) The eight (8) quart splint basket shall contain five hundred and thirty-seven and six-tenths (537 6/10) cubic inches and conform to the specifications in one (1) of the three (3) following numbered subdivisions:
- (1) The approximate inside dimensions of the top across the center shall be eight (8) inches by fourteen (14) inches. The approximate inside dimensions of the bottom at the corners shall be seven (7) inches by twelve (12) inches. The inside depth at the corners shall be five (5) inches.
- (2) The approximate inside dimensions of the top across the center shall be nine and one-half (9 1/2) inches by sixteen and one-half (16 1/2) inches. The approximate inside dimensions of the bottom at the corners shall be seven and one-half (7 1/2) inches by fourteen and one-half (14 1/2) inches. The inside depth at the corners shall be four (4) inches.
- (3) The inside dimensions of the square-cornered splint basket at the top shall be seven and three-eighths (7 3/8) inches by fifteen and one-half (15 1/2) inches. The inside dimensions of the bottom shall be seven (7) inches by fourteen and one-half (14 1/2) inches. The inside depth at the corners shall be five (5) inches.
- (c) The twelve (12) quart splint basket shall contain eight hundred and six and four-tenths (806 4/10) cubic inches and conform to the specifications in one (1) of the three (3) following numbered subdivisions:
- (1) The approximate inside dimensions of the top across the center shall be nine and one-half (9 1/2) inches by sixteen (16) inches. The approximate inside dimensions of the bottom at the corners shall be eight and one-half (8 1/2) inches by fourteen (14) inches. The inside depth at the corners shall be five and one-half (5 1/2) inches.
- (2) The approximate inside dimensions of the top across the center shall be eleven and one-half (11 1/2) inches by seventeen and one-half (17 1/2) inches. The approximate inside dimensions of the bottom at the corners shall be eight and one-half (8 1/2) inches by fourteen and one-half (14 1/2) inches. The inside depth of the basket at the corners shall be five (5) inches.
- (3) The inside dimensions of the square-cornered splint basket at the top shall be eight and five-eighths (8 5/8) inches by seventeen and

- one-half $(17 \ 1/2)$ inches. The inside dimensions of the bottom shall be eight (8) inches by sixteen and three-eighths $(16 \ 3/8)$ inches. The inside depth at the corners shall be five and three-fourths $(5 \ 3/4)$ inches.
- (d) The sixteen (16) quart splint basket shall contain one thousand and seventy-five and twenty-one one hundredths (1,075 21/100) cubic inches, and conform to the specifications in one (1) of the three (3) following numbered subdivisions:
- (1) The approximate inside dimensions of the top across the center shall be ten and one-half (10 1/2) inches by eighteen and one-half (18 1/2) inches. The approximate inside dimensions of the bottom at the corners shall be eight and one-half (8 1/2) inches by sixteen (16) inches. The inside depth at the corners shall be six and one-half (6 1/2) inches.
- (2) The approximate inside dimensions of the top across the center shall be eleven and one-half (11 1/2) inches by nineteen and one-half (19 1/2) inches. The approximate inside dimensions of the bottom at the corners shall be eight and one-half (8 1/2) inches by sixteen and one-half (16 1/2) inches. The inside depth at the corners shall be six (6) inches
- (3) The inside dimensions of the square-cornered splint basket at the top shall be nine (9) inches by nineteen (19) inches. The inside dimensions of the bottom shall be eight and one-half (8 1/2) by eighteen (18) inches. The inside depth at the corners shall be six and five-eighths (6 5/8) inches.
- (e) The twenty-four (24) quart splint basket shall contain one thousand six hundred and twelve and eight-tenths (1,612 8/10) cubic inches, and conform to the specifications in one (1) of the three (3) following numbered subdivisions:
- (1) The approximate inside dimensions of the top across the center shall be twelve (12) inches by twenty (20) inches. The approximate inside dimensions of the bottom at the corners shall be ten (10) inches by seventeen and one-half (17 1/2) inches. The inside depth of the basket at the corners shall be seven and one-half (7 1/2) inches.
- (2) The approximate inside dimensions of the top across the center shall be twelve (12) inches by twenty-three (23) inches. The approximate inside dimensions of the bottom at the corners shall be nine (9) inches by nineteen (19) inches. The inside depth of the basket at the corners shall be seven (7) inches.
- (3) The inside dimensions of the square-cornered splint basket at the top shall be ten and five-eighths (10 5/8) inches by twenty-two and one-fourth (22 1/4) inches. The inside dimensions of the bottom shall be nine and five-eighths (9 5/8) inches by twenty and one-half (20 1/2) inches. The inside depth of the basket at the corners shall be seven and one-half (7 1/2) inches.

(Formerly: Acts 1923, c.44, s.3.)

IC 24-6-5-4

Climax baskets

Sec. 4. Standards for climax baskets for grapes and other fruits and vegetables shall be the two (2) quart basket, four (4) quart basket and twelve (12) quart basket respectively:

- (a) The standard two (2) quart climax basket shall be of the following dimensions: Length of bottom piece, nine and one-half (9 1/2) inches; width of bottom piece, three and one-half (3 1/2) inches; thickness of bottom piece, three-eighths (3/8) of an inch, height of basket, three and seven-eighths (3 7/8) inches, outside measurement; top of basket, length eleven (11) inches and width five (5) inches outside measurement. Basket to have a cover of five (5) by eleven (11) inches, when a cover is used.
- (b) The standard four (4) quart climax basket shall be of the following dimensions: Length of bottom piece, twelve (12) inches; width of bottom piece, four and one-half (4 1/2) inches; thickness of bottom piece three-eighths (3/8) of an inch; height of basket, four and eleven-sixteenths (4 11/16) inches outside measurement; top of basket, length fourteen (14) inches, width six and one-fourth (6 1/4) inches, outside measurement. Basket to have cover six and one-fourth (6 1/4) inches by fourteen (14) inches, when cover is used.
- (c) The standard twelve (12) quart climax basket shall be of the following dimensions: Length of bottom piece, sixteen (16) inches; width of bottom piece, six and one-half (6 1/2) inches; thickness of bottom piece, seven-sixteenths (7/16) of an inch; height of basket, seven and one-sixteenth (7 1/16) inches, outside measurement; top of basket, length nineteen (19) inches, width nine (9) inches, outside measurement. Basket to have cover nine (9) inches by nineteen (19) inches, when cover is used.

(Formerly: Acts 1923, c.44, s.4.)

IC 24-6-5-5

Standard baskets for berries and other small fruits and vegetables

- Sec. 5. Standard basket or other container for berries and other small fruits and vegetables shall be of the following capacities; namely, dry one-half (1/2) pint, dry pint, dry quart, or multiples of the dry quart.
- (a) The dry half pint shall contain sixteen and eight-tenths (16 8/10) cubic inches.
- (b) The dry pint shall contain thirty-three and six-tenths (33 6/10) cubic inches.
- (c) The dry quart shall contain sixty-seven and two-tenths (67 2/10) cubic inches.

Provided that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to permit the manufacture, sale or use of hampers, round stave baskets, climax baskets or splint baskets in any other multiples of a quart than those enumerated in sections one, two, three, and four hereof.

(Formerly: Acts 1923, c.44, s.5.)

IC 24-6-5-6

Tolerances for containers; United States Department of Agriculture rules

Sec. 6. (a) The division of weights and measures of the state department of health shall, in rules under this chapter, prescribe such tolerances as it may find necessary to allow in the capacities and specifications for hampers, round stave baskets, splint baskets, climax baskets, and baskets or other containers for berries and other small fruits and vegetables, and parts thereof, set forth in sections 1 through 5 of this chapter in order to provide for reasonable variations occurring in the course of manufacture and handling, and shall also prescribe such tolerances as it may find necessary to allow for the purposes of section 8 of this chapter in the quantities of fruits or vegetables in hampers, round stave baskets, splint baskets, climax baskets, and baskets, and other containers for berries and other small fruits and vegetables, in order to provide for the natural shrinkage of such contents after packing. If a cover be used upon any hamper or basket or other container mentioned in this chapter, it shall be securely fastened or attached in such a manner, subject to the rules of the division of weights and measures, as not to reduce the capacity of such hamper, basket, or other container below that prescribed therefor. The provisions in sections 1 through 5 of this chapter covering specifications and dimensions shall apply only to hampers and baskets made of wood or of which wood is the principal material; but hampers and baskets which are not made of wood, or of which wood is not the principal material, shall not depart from the respective capacities therein prescribed.

(b) All rules and tolerances established by the division of weights and measures shall be in conformity with those from time to time promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture. (Formerly: Acts 1923, c.44, s.6.) As amended by P.L.152-1986, SEC.92; P.L.2-1992, SEC.760.

IC 24-6-5-7

Alternate standards for containers

Sec. 7. In order to provide for the more economical use of space in packing or transportation, or for the greater conservation of material or labor in manufacture, or handling of the contents in course of shipment, of hampers, round stave baskets, splint baskets, and climax baskets for fruit or vegetables, or parts thereof, the division of weights and measures of the state department of health, whenever it finds it necessary, may in rules prescribe specifications with respect to the material used, or the dimensions thereof, for such hampers, round stave baskets, splint baskets, climax baskets, or baskets or other containers for berries or other small fruits and vegetables, or parts thereof, in addition to, differing from, or superseding those set forth in sections 1 through 5 of this chapter, but not departing from the respective capacities therein prescribed. Such specifications shall not supersede any specifications set forth in this chapter until a period of at least six (6) months shall have elapsed after public notice shall have been given following an opportunity afforded the interested public for a hearing. (Formerly: Acts 1923, c.44, s.7.) As amended by P.L.152-1986, SEC.93; P.L.2-1992, SEC.761.

IC 24-6-5-8

Unlawful use of containers

Sec. 8. (a) It is a Class B misdemeanor for a person knowingly to manufacture for sale or shipment, sell, offer for sale, ship, or offer for shipment hampers, round stave baskets, climax baskets, splint baskets, for fruits or vegetables, or baskets or other containers for berries or other small fruits and vegetables, either filled or unfilled, or parts of such hampers, round stave baskets, splint baskets, climax baskets, or baskets or other containers for berries or other small fruits and vegetables, that do not comply with this chapter.

(b) It is a Class B misdemeanor for a person to sell, offer for sale, ship, or offer for shipment fruits or vegetables, not sold or offered for sale by standard net weight or by numerical count, in hampers, round stave baskets, splint baskets, climax baskets, or baskets or other containers for berries or other small fruits and vegetables that, at the time of the sale or offer for sale, shipment or offer for shipment, are not filled to the full capacity thereof, stricken measure, subject to such tolerances as may be prescribed in the regulations under this chapter. (Formerly: Acts 1923, c.44, s.8.) As amended by Acts 1978, P.L.2, SEC.2422.

IC 24-6-5-9

Confiscation of nonconforming containers; disposal of perishable items

Sec. 9. Any hamper, round stave basket, climax basket, or splint basket for fruits or vegetables, or other basket or container for berries or other small fruits and vegetables, whether filled or unfilled, or parts of such hampers, round stave baskets, climax baskets, splint baskets, or other basket or container for berries or other small fruits and vegetables not complying with this chapter, which shall be manufactured for sale or shipment, offered for sale, sold, or shipped, may be proceeded against in any court of competent jurisdiction of this state and within the county where the same shall be found and may be seized for confiscation by a process of libel for condemnation. Upon request, the person entitled shall be permitted to retain or take possession of the contents of such hampers, baskets, or containers, but, in the absence of such request, or when the perishable nature of such contents makes such action immediately necessary, the same shall be disposed of by destruction or sale as the court or a judge thereof may direct. If such hampers, round stave baskets, splint baskets, climax baskets, or other basket or container for berries or other small fruits and vegetables, or parts thereof, be found in such proceeding to be contrary to this chapter, the same shall be disposed of by destruction, except that the court may, by order, direct that such hampers, baskets, containers, or parts be returned to the owner thereof or sold, upon the payment of the costs of such proceeding and the execution and delivery of a good and sufficient bond, to the effect that such hampers, baskets, containers, or parts thereof shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of or used contrary to law. The proceeds of any sale under this section, less legal costs and charges, shall be paid over to the person entitled thereto.

(Formerly: Acts 1923, c.44, s.9.) As amended by P.L.152-1986, SEC.94.

Manufacture of nonconforming containers for use in other places; banana hampers

Sec. 10. This chapter shall not prohibit the manufacture for sale or shipment, offer for sale, or shipment, of hampers, round stave baskets, splint baskets, climax baskets, or baskets or containers for berries or other small fruits and vegetables, or parts thereof, to any other state or foreign country in accordance with the specifications of a consignee or customer not contrary to the law of such state or foreign country, nor shall this chapter prevent the manufacture or use of banana hampers of the shape and character in commercial use on November 1, 1923, as shipping containers for bananas.

(Formerly: Acts 1923, c.44, s.10.) As amended by P.L.152-1986, SEC.95.

IC 24-6-5-11

Repealed

(Repealed by Acts 1978, P.L.2, SEC.2426.)

IC 24-6-5-12

Duties of division of weights and measures

Sec. 12. It shall be the duty of the division of weights and measures of the state department of health to enforce all the provisions of this chapter, and it shall prescribe such rules as it may find necessary for carrying into effect the provisions of this chapter, and shall cause such examinations and tests to be made as may be necessary in order to determine whether hampers, round stave baskets, splint baskets, climax baskets, and baskets or containers for berries or other small fruits and vegetables, or parts thereof, subject to this chapter, meet its requirements. For this purpose, the authorized officers and agents of the division of weights and measures may visit factories, stock rooms, and other places of business where such hampers, baskets, and containers, or parts thereof, are manufactured or held for sale or shipment, or offered for sale, and may enter cars, vessels, other vehicles, and places under the control of carriers engaged in the transportation of such hampers, baskets, and containers, or parts thereof, and may take samples of such hampers, baskets, and boxes, or parts thereof or, upon written request from the division of weights and measures or its authorized agents. Any manufacturers, shippers, carriers, or holders of such hampers, baskets, and containers or parts thereof shall furnish samples of such hampers, baskets, and containers, or parts thereof, as are required for the purpose of inspection as in this chapter provided.

(Formerly: Acts 1923, c.44, s.12.) As amended by P.L.152-1986, SEC.96; P.L.2-1992, SEC.762.

IC 24-6-5-13

Official cooperation

Sec. 13. For carrying out the purpose of this chapter, the division of weights and measures of the state department of health is authorized to cooperate with state, county, and municipal authorities, manufacturers, dealers, and shippers.

(Formerly: Acts 1923, c.44, s.13.) As amended by P.L.152-1986, SEC.97; P.L.2-1992, SEC.763.

IC 24-6-5-14

Application of chapter

Sec. 14. The provisions of this chapter establishing dimensions and specifications for the several baskets, hampers, and containers named shall apply only to baskets, hampers, and containers made of wood for fruits and vegetables, but the standard sizes established and the cubical contents thereof shall apply to all baskets, hampers, and other containers for fruits and vegetables of whatever material made. (Formerly: Acts 1923, c.44, s.14.) As amended by P.L.152-1986, SEC.98.

IC 24-6-5-15

Sale by weight or numerical count

Sec. 15. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit sales by standard hampers, baskets, or containers without regard to weight or numerical count when required by law to be sold by weight or numerical count.

(Formerly: Acts 1923, c.44, s.15.) As amended by P.L.152-1986, SEC.99.